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In re application of:

Frank H. Portugal

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For: Compositions and Methods for
Differentiating Among *Shigella*
Species and *Shigella* from *E. coli*
Species

Art Unit: 1655

Examiner: J. Souaya

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Sir:

Applicants respectfully request an Examiner's Interview. Applicants will contact the
Examiner shortly after the filing of this paper to arrange a convenient date and time.

Amendment

Prior to examination, please amend application as follows:

In the claims:

Please cancel claims 40-44, without prejudice or disclaimer.

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Respectfully submitted,

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